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DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) BC

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA

REF: A) STATE 238082, B) SECTO 27356

1. TEXT CONTAINED IN BOTH REFTELS DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT KHAMA  
BY CHARGE AT 1300 HOURS SEPTEMBER 25.

2. PRESIDENT ONCE AGAIN SAID THAT HE WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY  
THE SECRETARY'S SUCCESS IN CONVINCING SMITH TO ACCEPT MAJORITY  
RULE IN RHODESIA, BUT THAT OF COURSE "THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING  
WOULD BE IN THE EATING."

3. PRESIDENT KHAMA SAID HE WAS LEAVING THAT AFTERNOON (SEPT 25)  
FOR LUSAKA, WHERE PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD CONVOKED A MEETING OF THE  
"FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS. HE STATED THAT THE NEXT STEPS WOULD  
BE TO OBTAIN A CONSENSUS OF THE PRESIDENTS. IN ANSWER TO, THE  
CHARGE'S QUESTION HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT MACHEL WOULD  
GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED SOLUTION, DESPITE HIS RHETORIC TO THE  
CONTRARY. HE NOTED THAT MACHEL HAD BEEN "DOING HIS PART ALSO"  
ALONG WITH THE OTHER "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS, TO HELP ACHIEVE A  
PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.  
"UNLESS MACHEL HAS BEEN UP TO THINGS I AM UNAWARE OF", "SAID THE  
PRESIDENT, "I THINK HE WILL AGREE TO BACK THIS SOLUTION".

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4. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT SMITH HAD

SPOKEN OF ACHIEVING MAJORITY RULE WITHIN (NOT AT THE END OF) TWO YEARS, AND THAT THE TONE OF SMITH'S REMARKS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT HE WOULD HOPE THE TRANSITION COULD BE EFFECTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE ALSO HOPED MAJORITY RULE COULD BE ACHIEVED QUICKLY, "BEFORE EVERYTHING FALL APART".

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO PORT LOUIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE.

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